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MATT JUUL, BOSTON FEATURES EDITOR

"13 Reasons Why" returns this weekend, and with it will likely come another round of criticism. While Netflix's hit teen drama received a ton of praise from fans and critics when it debuted last year, the show also faced plenty of backlash, particularly from mental health professionals who took issue with the series' portrayal of suicide, sexual assault and other serious issues. Before season two premieres, we examine how "13 Reasons Why" plans to curb the controversy this time around.

NORTH KOREA CASTS DOUBT ON TRUMP SUMMIT

1 North Korea on Wednesday threw into question an unprecedented summit between its leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump scheduled for next month, denouncing military exercises between South Korea and the United States as a provocation and calling off high-level talks with Seoul. A report on North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency angrily attacked the "Max Thunder" air combat drills, which it said involved U.S. stealth fighters and B-52 bombers, and appeared to mark a break in months of warming ties between North and South Korea and between Pyongyang and Washington. Any cancellation of the June 12 summit in Singapore, the first meeting between a serving U.S. president and a North Korean leader, would deal a major blow to Trump's efforts to score the biggest diplomatic achievement of his presidency. Trump has raised expectations for a successful meeting even as many analysts have been skeptical of the chances of bridging the gap due to questions about North Korea's willingness to give up a nuclear arsenal that now threatens the United States. The KCNA report called the air drills a "provocation" that went against the trend of warming ties.

HOUSE TO VOTE ON EASING POST-CRISIS BANK RULES

2 The U.S. House of Representatives will vote next Tuesday on a bill that would relax regulations introduced after the 2007-2009 financial crisis, two congressional sources said. The bill is expected to be approved by the Republican-majority House, clearing the way for President Donald Trump to sign the measure into law. The bill's enactment would mark the first time policymakers have agreed to ease rules on banks since the 2010 passage of the Dodd-Frank financial reform law, and hand Trump another victory in his effort to slash rules on the private sector. House Republican leaders agreed to move on the bill after the Senate said it would separately consider additional legislation to make it easier for companies to raise capital, according to House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. Among its provisions, the bill would raise the threshold at which banks are considered systemically risky and subject to stricter oversight to $250 billion from $50 billion. It also exempts banks with less than $10 billion in assets from rules banning proprietary trading, as well as exempts smaller banks from several other post-crisis rules.

PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS CAST BALLOTS IN STATE'S MIDTERM PRIMARY

3 Police Chief Tony Harris, 40, exits at the Conyngham Borough Building polling station wearing a T. rex costume en route to another event during the 2018 Pennsylvania Primary Election on Tuesday in Conyngham.

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FACEBOOK SEES INCREASE IN POSTS WITH VIOLENCE

4 The number of posts on Facebook showing graphic violence rose in the first three months of the year from a quarter earlier, possibly driven by the war in Syria, the social network said on Tuesday, in its first public release of such data. Facebook said in a written report that of every 10,000 pieces of content viewed in the first quarter, an estimated 22 to 27 pieces contained graphic violence, up from an estimate of 16 to 19 late last year. The company removed or put a warning screen for graphic violence in front of 3.4 million pieces of content in the first quarter, nearly triple the 1.2 million a quarter earlier, according to the report. Facebook does not fully know why people are posting more graphic violence but believes continued fighting in Syria may have been one reason, said Alex Schultz, Facebook's vice president of data analytics. "Whenever a war starts, there's a big spike in graphic violence," Schultz told reporters at Facebook's headquarters. Syria's civil war erupted in 2011. It continued this year with fighting between rebels and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's army. This month, Israel attacked Iran's military infrastructure in Syria.

STORMS SLAM NORTHEAST, CAUSING POWER OUTAGES

5 Powerful storms packing high winds, torrential rain and hail slammed heavily populated parts of the U.S. Northeast on Tuesday, snarling transport and causing widespread power outages in an area home to tens of millions of people. The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning from Maryland to New Hampshire. There were nearly 50 reports of hail in states including Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut, it said. A tornado was spotted in Sullivan, in northern New York, but there were no reports of damage, it said. Parts of Connecticut were placed under a tornado warning on Tuesday night. Nearly 600,000 customers in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Virginia were without power as of the late afternoon on Tuesday, tracking service PowerOutage.us said. Nearly 400 flights were canceled at airports serving the New York area as of 6 p.m., according to tracking service FlightAware.com. "The greatest threat for any flash flooding or severe weather will be across southern New England and the northern Mid-Atlantic states Tuesday evening," the National Weather Service said.

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A rendering of the proposed Pulse art installation under the Dilworth Park fountains. RENDERING BY OLIN

Light installation at Dilworth Park gets one-third funded

Philly's Dilworth Park has been waiting for the Pulse light installation for years, and now it's coming true — kind of.

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When Dilworth Park was unveiled in 2014, one big part of the project was missing: under the park's popular fountains, a site-specific art installation of colored lights tracking the progress of SEPTA cars passing underneath in real time.

"Pulse," designed by Boston-area artist Janet Echelman, is intended to be "a living X-ray of the city's circulatory system," she said. Situated under paths through the fountains at Dilworth, the project will light up different colors as it tracks the SEPTA lines: green for trolleys, blue for the Market-Frankford and red for the Broad Street line. Echelman said the goal is to "physically and psychologically transform the way people view the city's central square and enter its public transit system."

Thanks to a new grant from the William Penn Foundation for $325,000, the Center City District plans to activate the green line in July, they announced earlier this week. The full realization of the project remains indefinitely on hold pending more funding. But Echelman said the staggered approach is helpful for this type of project.

"Since no one has built an artwork like Pulse in a public park, doing it one step at a time can actually help contractors gain practical experience and potentially lower installation costs for later phases," Echelman said via email. "Initiating Phase One will take this project from rendering and digital animations to a living, breathing artwork. A moving column of green mist will engage adults and the many children who play each day in the fountain."

"Pulse will offer Dilworth Park's diverse group of users and audiences ... art that is innovative and interactive."

Center City District President Paul Levy

Asked about the nearly four years since the redesign of Dilworth to the start of Phase One, Echelman noted that it took 70 years to fundraise for building the Washington Monument in Eakins Oval by the Philly Art Museum. "We're ahead of the game by that measure," she said. "It's not uncommon for projects of this scale and complexity."

Even though it might have taken a little longer than expected, Pulse will still be a welcome cherry on top of the $55 million Dilworth project, which in the years since its completion has been evaluated a success by the public, with some 10 million visitors reported in 2017 alone.

"During the construction of Dilworth Park in 2014, significant infrastructure was embedded in the park's 11,160-square-foot fountain in anticipation of the day when Pulse would become a reality," Center City District President Paul Levy said in a statement. "Pulse will offer Dilworth Park's diverse group of users and audiences an opportunity to engage with art that is innovative and interactive."

The fountains at Dilworth Park are a popular Philadelphia attraction. KAIT MOORE

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Bill Cosby to get two-day sentencing hearing

Disgraced comedian will learn his fate for sexual assault conviction in September.

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Weeks after he was convicted, disgraced entertainer Bill Cosby has been given a date to learn his fate. Cosby's sentencing date on three counts of indecent sexual assault will come in Montgomery County Court on Sept. 24-25, a judge ordered on Tuesday.

Typically, sentencings in Montco are scheduled two to three months after a verdict. While the courts did not release a comment, the delayed sentencing for Cosby is likely due to an expected high volume of legal filings and appeals over this case before a sentence is handed down.

Cosby, 80, who is awaiting a sex offender evaluation, is legally blind and on house arrest in the Cheltenham mansion where in 2004 he molested former Temple employee Andrea Constand.

Cosby's sentencing won't just be legally complicated. The two-day hearing could be longer than usual to allow for multiple victims to make victim-impact statements. It's also expected to draw massive crowds of media, protesters and supporters to Norristown. The first day of Cosby's retrial famously attracted a bare-chested feminist protester who jumped the gate and rushed Cosby before being tackled by police.

Montgomery County Sheriff Sean Kilkenny was quoted telling TMZ that it will be "100 percent all hands on deck" for Cosby's sentencing. Dozens of police officers, county detectives and court officers are expected to be on the scene for Cosby, TMZ said. No specific threats have been reported against the aged entertainer.

He was convicted of three counts that carry a maximum sentence of 10 years each, but it's unclear if he'll see any jail time, experts said.

"What's the cost/benefit analysis to locking him up? Is he a danger to society? You're going to have to spend a lot of time to protect him from other offenders," said Rutgers-Camden criminal justice professor Ross Allen. "There's a good chance the judge is going to let him stay out while the appeals process is underway, that's two or three years. At what point do they say the biggest punishment he'll ever face is the loss of his legacy?"

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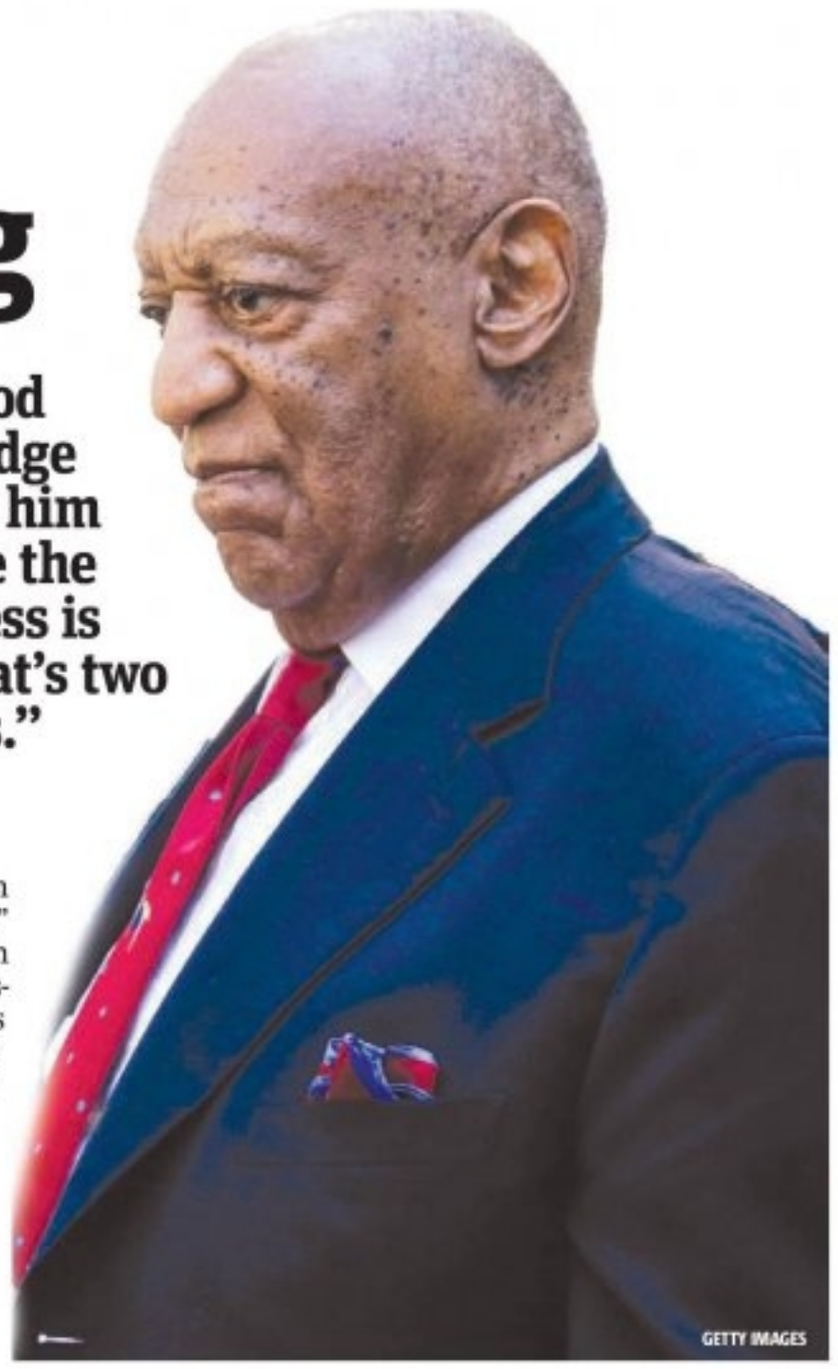

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ANALYSIS

TOM FOREMAN

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

Traitors. Cowards. Leakers. All three words meant the same thing this week to President Trump as he let fly with a scorching tweet, promising to hunt down anyone in the White House releasing unauthorized information. At the same time, he railed about reporters saying this problem he has identified is … um … a problem: "The so-called leaks coming out of the White House are a massive over exaggeration put out by the Fake News Media in order to make us look as bad as possible."

Right.

Anyway, the thing that set him off was the leaked story that a White House staffer made an insensitive comment about Sen. John McCain's cancer. Trump has expressed no regret that this person said such unkind things. He has certainly not apologized. And there is no indication anyone has been fired. Team Trump has simply once again mounted the ramparts to insist that the real problem here is not what they are doing, but that anyone would tell the public about it.

That this is the immediate reaction of this president is not surprising. After all, his pedigree is not in public service but in the private sector. His entire life has been spent in businesses where, without even a board of directors riding herd on him, his word was law. In that environment, secrets are not merely a fixture, they are virtually a requirement.

To be fair, secrets are sometimes necessary in government too when matters of national security or extremely delicate negotiations are involved. But most of the leaks that have enraged this president — including this latest one — have nothing to do with such issues. They are just embarrassments.

Maybe that's the core of the trouble: What Donald Trump seems to be chafing about is the mere notion that the media, lawmakers, the courts or voters would have any right to scrutinize his actions. He seems to see leakers as traitors because they are defying the boss. But in the public sector, he's not really the boss. Taxpayers are. And that means yes, we all have a right to know what is going on in the White House, even if leakers are at times the most reliable source of inside information.

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Scientists think they've figured out the cause of (and cure for) polycystic ovary syndrome

Professor Rob Norman stated that new findings open up "a whole range of opportunities for further investigation" on infertility and PCOS. ISTOCK

In last Friday's cover story, Reproductive Medicine Associates of New Jersey's Dr. Maria F. Costantini-Ferrando spoke to Metro about the emotional toll infertility can take on women, especially around Mother's Day.

"It could be an attractive strategy to restore ovulation and eventually increase the pregnancy rate in these women."

Paolo Giacobini

PCOS affects up to five million U.S. women, according to the CDC, and those with PCOS have higher levels of male hormones called androgens, which can result in the absence of ovulation (leading to infertility).

Though PCOS is known to run in families — and there is research on the genetics behind it — Rob Norman, a professor at Australia's University of Adelaide studying reproductive medicine, told New Scientist that "it's something we've been stuck on for a long time."

Now, scientists from the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research have discovered that PCOS may be triggered in the womb before birth — and they've found success with a potential cure.

Research done at the Institute, and published in the journal Nature, linked PCOS to the overexposure of the anti-Müllerian hormone (AMH) in the womb. Researchers found that pregnant women with PCOS have 30 percent higher AMH levels than normal, and so they wanted to test if this would induce the same condition in their daughters.

They injected pregnant mice with AMH, and sure enough, the daughters they gave birth to eventually developed symptoms of PCOS. In women, this can include irregular periods, excess acne and hair growth on the body and face, as well as ovarian cysts. The mice experienced similar symptoms such as unpredictable menstruation patterns, infertility and late puberty.

The overexposure to AMH in the womb caused an "overstimulation of a particular set of brain cells called GnRH neurons," IFL Science reported. These neurons manage the body's testosterone and, therefore, as the female offspring grew, they displayed PCOS symptoms because of high testosterone levels.

Researchers were actually able to reverse this effect using an IVF drug called cetrorelix, and the mice ceased to have symptoms. Dr. Paolo Giacobini, head scientist of this study, and his team hope to start human trials by the end of the year.

"It could be an attractive strategy to restore ovulation and eventually increase the pregnancy rate in these women," Giacobini said.

Norman stated that these new findings open up "a whole range of opportunities for further investigation" on infertility and PCOS.

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New data: Drug companies buying doctors meals leads to more opioid prescriptions

A Boston Medical Center study found that when doctors get a cheap meal, around $13, paid for by a drug company, they end up prescribing more opioids to their patients.

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With the opioid epidemic leading to thousands of overdose deaths a year, some experts have pinned responsibility on pharmaceutical companies and their influence on what doctors prescribe.

But it doesn't take thousands of dollars from a drug company to affect a doctor's prescribing habits. In most cases, just paying for a meal is enough.

Doctors who had just a meal or two, at a median value of $13 paid for by pharmaceutical companies, were more likely to prescribe opioids to their patients, according to a new Boston Medical Center study published in JAMA Internal Medicine.

Lead study author Dr. Scott Hadland said that while it's been known that some drug companies pay doctors large sums to promote their products, he and his fellow researchers were "more interested in the subtle but widespread practice of offering meals to doctors."

Researchers from Boston Medical Center's Grayken Center for Addiction looked at data on opioid prescriptions from Medicare Part D claims, and pharmaceutical marketing from Open Payments, a federal program that collects info on drug company payments to doctors.

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Doctors who had a meal or two, at a median value of $13 paid for by pharmaceutical companies, were more likely to prescribe opioids.

They identified 369,000 doctors — about 43 percent of all physicians in the country — who prescribed at least 10 opioids in 2015. Then, they looked at drug company payments to these doctors in 2014, including meals, speaking fees, travel and so on.

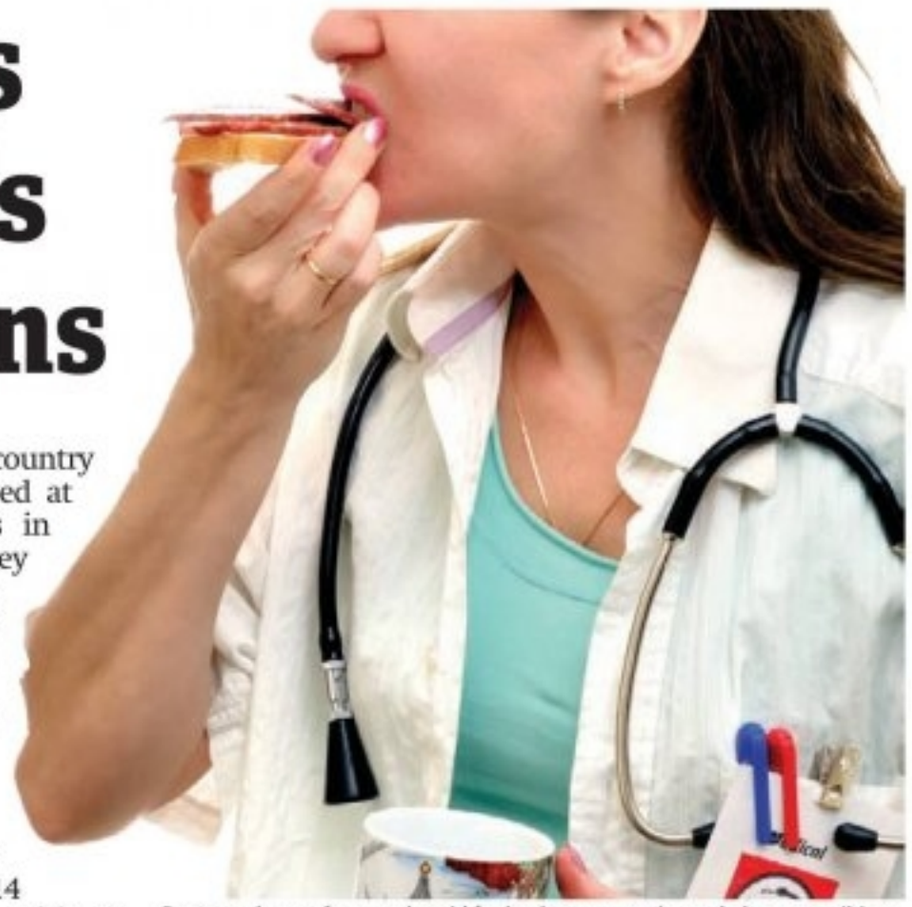
Any opioid marketing in 2014 was associated with a 9.3 percent increase in opioid claims in 2015, the study found, and 92 percent of these payments were in the form of meals, which had a median value of $13.

"There were fewer opioid prescriptions written in 2015 than the year prior," Hadland said, "but if you look at the doctors in our sample who received opioid marketing in 2014, they increased the number of opioid prescriptions that they wrote as group."

For each additional meal that doctors received from drug companies, the number of opioids they prescribed increased.

"We actually found that only 1.7 percent of doctors received more than $1,000 in total marketing," Hadland said.

It's not necessarily a malicious act on the part of the doctors, though. Hadland noted that opioids are "completely appropriate for certain pa-



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tients who are living with pain," and that these doctors may not have realized their habits had changed.

"If you asked the doctors in this study, 'Do you believe this marketing influences your prescribing?' I think they would say no," Hadland said. "But the data shows that in a subtle but widespread way, it does."

To curb this, more regulation is needed, researchers say. Some states are making moves — like New Jersey, which recently capped the amount physicians can earn from drug companies at $10,000. But it's still not enough, Hadland said.

"As we've shown in our study, only a very small minority of doctors really received large payments," he said. "Policies like that are really unlikely to impact the broader profession as a whole. I think what's important is to limit the number of interactions [between pharma companies and doctors], regardless of value."

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EpiPen shortage said to be easing, but patients are coming up empty

EpiPen maker Mylan says that "supply levels may vary across wholesalers and pharmacies."

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Carolyn Janis is worried. Her 4-year-old son needs an EpiPen, but a continued shortage at her Connecticut pharmacy means he won't have access to the epinephrine that could save his life.

"I can't even describe that fear of what's going to happen. Is this going to be that one chance that it's going to push him into anaphylactic shock," Janis told WVIT.

She's not alone: On May 9, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced "intermittent supply constraints" on EpiPens due to manufacturing delays at Pfizer's Meridian Medical Technologies, the company that manufactures the devices for Mylan.

"Based on the information provided by the manufacturer, the FDA anticipates the EpiPen shortage to be short term," agency spokeswoman Lauren Smith Dyer told Bloomberg at the time.

But that doesn't seem to be the case.

On Monday, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal sent a letter to the FDA urging the agency to reveal what they're doing to help EpiPen supply.

"Despite assurances from FDA and manufacturers that shortages are intermittent or isolated, there is solid evidence of widespread unavailability," the senator said.

A representative for Mylan said that EpiPens are "available and Mylan is currently receiving continual supply" but that "supply levels may vary across wholesalers and pharmacies."

That statement seems to contradict a Bloomberg report that revealed more than 400 patients in 45 states

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who were having difficulties finding EpiPens and other auto-injectors.

Advocacy group Food Allergy Research & Education told Bloomberg that some patients were told they'd have to wait weeks to get EpiPens — and some aren't able to get them at all.

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EPIPEN SHORTAGE: ANOTHER BLOW TO PATIENTS

The EpiPen shortage comes at a time when patients are still trying to get over a price hike that sent costs for the auto-injector soaring — from $50 to over $600 (or more) for two. In 2016, Mylan said the price of EpiPens "has changed over time to better reflect important product features and the value the product provides," and "we've made a significant investment to support the device over the past years."

In the letter sent to the FDA, Blumenthal urged the agency to take action.

"In recent years, EpiPen prices have skyrocketed exorbitantly, making them widely unaffordable," Blumenthal said in Monday's letter. "Now, supply delays and shortages are again denying access to this greatly important device."

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Salad slackers

Salad stations haven't changed much over the years. Sure, they may have some surprise ingredients once in a while, but for the most part we know there will be a protein, vegetable and cheese. So why is there such an epidemic of people who get to the front of the line and then seem completely bewildered at the salad-building process, to the point where they can't even figure out if they want chicken or turkey. The other day I witnessed a woman arguing with the salad guy that his turkey looked like tofu, and after multiple assurances that it was indeed turkey, she said she'd take chicken. Then she didn't know if she wanted corn or not. After getting three or four ingredients, she lost count and decided to recount all the items she chose and whether the chicken counted as a topping. Please, for the sake of everyone who has a short break for lunch, figure out what you want before you get to the front.

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READER REACTS

'No more backpacks in my face!' BY Virginia Hess, Metro US reader

Very good article, Morgan. Yes indeed, you're right on the mark: "Be mindful and consider your environment. Imagine if everyone in the city all carried big fat backpacks and refused to take them off on trains? There'd be half as much space." Yes, I can imagine that but I'm not holding my breath for it to happen. Too many city subway and bus passengers don't care. I've seen my share of backpackers from school children to adults slam seniors, knocking them off balance — some say "sorry" but none take off their backpack and put it on the floor between their legs. City politicians together with Mayor de Blasio, the City Council, Gov. Cuomo, NYS Assembly and Senate elected representatives must demand the MTA require all passengers to remove their backpacks before boarding a city subway train and/or bus. Failure to do it should result in a $50 or more fine and be strictly enforced — for it to end.

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Aries Take a closer look at the way you present who you are and what you have to offer. A subtle change will give you the edge you need to get ahead.

Taurus Listen and learn from an expert. Narrow your focus to substantive things. An attention to detail and precision will pay off.

Gemini Emotions will surface, it is necessary to channel energy into something physically challenging to avert stress. Making a personal change or updating your image will be uplifting

Cancer Take a moment to help others. The rewards will be meaningful and informative. Participation in events will open doors and encourage you to get out more.

Leo Keeping busy will be half the battle. Don't let what others do slow you down or cause you to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Concentrate on your goals.

Virgo A receptive mind and open discussions with experts, teachers or a mentor will give you something to think about. Short trips and networking events will encourage you.

Libra Getting in touch with your feelings and making a focused effort to bring about positive change are favored. Question anyone offering something that sounds problematic or costly.

Scorpio Open up to someone you find fascinating and you'll find out something that will motivate you to take on a new challenge. Partnerships look fortuitous and will promote new endeavors.

Sagittarius Love, companionship and putting more time and energy into building a strong relationship should be your priorities. Refuse to let someone from your past stir up trouble. Don't jeopardize trust.

Capricorn Put a plan in place and follow through. Refuse to let someone else's agenda dismantle what you are trying to achieve. Make changes based on research and common sense.

Aquarius Share your feelings and make a physical gesture to let someone know your intentions. Changing the way you do things, dealing with children or updating your look is encouraged.

Pisces Trust, honesty and integrity will play a big role in the way things turn out. You'll have an opportunity, but it could lead to an emotional loss if it's handled poorly. EUGENIA LAST

A different kind of zombie film

Martin Freeman describes his new horror film "Cargo" as dangerous, visceral and very human.

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The clock is ticking for Martin Freeman to save his daughter in "Cargo." NETFLIX

Released at the height of zombie fandom, it didn't take long for the Australian short film "Cargo" to go viral back in 2013. But moviegoers didn't turn out in droves because it was particularly gory or violent — instead, they connected with its ingenious approach and emotion.

That's exactly what convinced Martin Freeman to join the feature-length version of "Cargo" when he was approached by the directing team of Ben Howling and Yolanda Ramke, too. He was immediately impressed with the short film and saw the script had rich potential for turning it into a feature-length movie.

"The short [film] was the culmination; the script was the whole background," he says. "It felt visceral. It felt human. It felt dangerous. It is shot in a way that other films might be shot that weren't about zombies."

In "Cargo," Freeman plays an infected father desperately on the search for a new home for his infant daughter. He has only 48 hours to do just that before he turns, so he carries 1-year-old Rosie across the Australian Outback in search of survivors.

Freeman wasn't really interested in the zombie aspect of the film, though. Instead, he just trusted the directors would make them realistic.

"We had a very good movement coach, who made it specific and broke it down into stages," he explains about the cast's zombie training. "I found them quite disturbing really. Because when they went into their thing some of them would be bent over in a sort of 'Exorcist' way. They were almost at a right angle. It just looked like this person was ill. Really, really ill. It was upsetting."

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Mostly, though, Freeman focused on the father/daughter dynamic of the film, which was what originally attracted him to "Cargo." Working with the two sets of twins who portrayed Rosie wasn't his biggest challenge though.

"The heat was interesting," he says diplomatically. "It was fine, actually. I like heat. But the testing stuff was the flies and the mosquitoes. The mosquitoes were a problem in one particular location that we had to visit a number of times. Because it was basically a swamp, and I just got eaten alive."

At least that aided Freeman's grungy performance, which you can see when "Cargo" is released on Netflix on Friday.

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'13 Reasons Why' braces for more controversy

Alisha Boe returns as Jessica Davis for season two. ALL PHOTOS BY BETH DUBBER/NETFLIX

Season two's marketing aims to temper criticism after the show's triggering first season.

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Season two of Netflix's controversial "13 Reasons Why" drops this weekend, and ahead of its sophomore season, the show has made strong moves to get ahead of the backlash it received during its first season.

Based on the young adult novel by Jay Asher, the first season was based on the aftermath of the suicide of Hannah Baker, who leaves 13 cassettes behind. The show deals with strong themes including teen suicide, substance abuse, bullying and sexual assault.

While the show resonated with younger audiences (becoming the network's most-tweeted-about show) and was a ratings success, it also received global backlash from mental health organizations, school administrations and parents. In particular, Hannah's graphic death seemingly ignored most recommended media guidelines for portraying suicide, and was viewed as triggering and unnecessary by many professionals and mental health advocates.

"Many — myself included — object to the series' depiction of suicide because it lacks understanding about how to show it on screen safely," wrote Mark Henick, a Canadian mental health advocate, in an op-ed for CNN last year. "And that narrative choice, while an artistic one, is also a potentially devastating setback in the effort to combat a problem, which by any conservative estimate is a global

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Netflix's most talked about teen drama returns

Will season two be as controversial as season one?

health crisis."

Approaching season, two, the network and showrunners have attempted to address some of the criticism.

"Soon after the season one launch, we saw global conversation explode on the controversial topics covered by the series and understood we had a responsibility to support these important discussions," Netflix's vice president of original series Brian Wright said in a statement.

Netflix commissioned a study by Northwestern University's Center on Media and Human Development, with Wright acknowledging "research indicated the majority of parents felt that while the show brought up important topics, they wanted more resources from us."

The network has launched a website, 13reasonswhy.info, which links to the Crisis Text Line and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on the front page. It also lists a number of support organizations with specific focuses, such as RAINN, which helps survivors of sexual abuse, and the Trevor Project, which assists LGBTQ teens.

Each episode will air with a custom intro in which cast members come "out of character" to introduce the show but advise it might not be right for all viewers, and a new after show will explore the issues raised.

The plot in season two will explore the fallout from Hannah's explosive revelations and the aftermath of her suicide, this time incorporating the use of Polaroid photographs instead of cassettes.

"13 Reasons Why" airs May 18 on Netflix.

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Community Spotlight: FringeA-Thon

The 12-hour dance marathon supports the arts in Philadelphia.

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On Saturday, June 16, Fringe Arts presents their second annual FringeA-Thon at the Piazza at Schmidt's Commons — a 12-hour dance party that will have participants rocking out to the beat of DJs and live bands, as well as enjoying special performances from BalletX dancers, Philadelphia Spin Coalition (hula hoops), Philly Phresh Crew and more.

Aside from being an unforgettable day of fun and artistic expression, FringeA-Thon raises money for FringeArts, an organization that is dedicated to bringing world-class performance art to Philadelphia.

"FringeArts was founded in 1997, when the first festival took place," says Carolyn Schlecker, managing director of FringeArts. "Nick Stuccio was the impetus, but he founded the organization with Conrad Bender and Eric Schofer. Nick went to Edinburgh Fringe to help Eric (a choreographer) with his show and thought it was amazing. There were lots of new, exciting artists in Philly at that time but nowhere for them to perform their work. Nick decided to do something about it, and now we have FringeArts."

The organization grew from producing a five-day festival in its first year, to an annual 16-day festival today. What's more, FringeArts even has its own performing arts center on the Philadelphia waterfront that includes a theater, artist studios and La Peg's restaurant, bar and outdoor biergarten.

With FringeA-Thon, artist groups have the opportunity to raise money for their own projects as well as for FringeArts in general.

"At FringeArts, we believe in our local arts community and when creating FringeA-Thon, wanted to find a way to include other artists," Schlecker says. "In addition to fundraising teams raising money for FringeArts, we offer an opportunity to other organizations, that may not have the resources to hold a large-scale fundraiser themselves, to raise money through our event. FringeA-Thon is a way to support their individual missions and work without the risk or out-of-pocket expenses associated with a large-scale fundraising event."

Local artist Francesa Montanile was able to raise money for her project, "Dear Diary LOL" at last year's FringeA-thon.

"Not only did we raise $2,665, we also made a lot of connections at the event," she says. "Many people who ended up coming to our sold out

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show heard about us through our FringeA-Thon campaign, and through our presence at the event itself. We won a dance battle, which was not only super fun but also earned us FringeArts memberships and some other great prizes."

And you don't have to be a professional performer to break out your moves on the dance floor. Committee member Meredith Setzman had a ball dancing last year, and has big plans for her fundraising team this year.

"This year, my team pays homage to my all-time favorite dance movie — 'Sister Act II: Back in the Habit,'" she says. "That's why we are called the St. Francis Academy Choir. I'm hoping we can recreate the entire routine from the movie's most memorable scene, including the Naughty by Nature rap parody."

You can get involved at FringeA-Thon 2018 by starting your own fundraising team, supporting an existing fundraising team or by simply purchasing a ticket to the event.

And yes, Virginia, there will be hula hoops, too.

"There is something for everyone," Schlecker says. "Join us on the dance floor, cheer on your friends and family, watch great performances, enjoy fabulous food truck fare, play some games, learn about local artists, buy raffle tickets in hopes of winning Bruno Mars tickets, meet the Phillie Phanatic — the list goes on and on."

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Mental spring cleaning tips with Mel Robbins

We spoke with the best-selling author and Audible podcast host about the best ways to get motivated this spring.

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Now that the weather is finally warming up, we can break free from our winter hibernation fogs and start making the changes we promised we'd make back in January with our New Year's resolutions.

We recently spoke with Mel Robbins, the best-selling author and the creator and host of the new Audible original series "Kick Ass with Mel Robbins," about all of the ways that you can take advantage of your new spring-fueled optimism and change your life for the better. Robbins' main goal is to get people to stop waiting and start doing. Here are some of her tips to help you do some serious mental spring cleaning.

Don't sleep with your phone

Leaving your phone outside of your bedroom while you sleep may sound like a small step to you. But according to Robbins, keeping your phone outside of your room may be the greatest and most immediate change you can make toward a more productive life. By keeping your phone in your bed you run the risk of 1) staying in bed longer in the morning by checking your various feeds and sites, 2) hitting the snooze button over and over creating a mental condition known as "sleep inertia" which is a mental condition that can severely hinder your productivity for four hours after you finally get going for the day and 3) checking your phone in bed when you wake up can cause severe anxiety.

"When you lie in bed and you look at your phone," explains Robbins, "it creates anxiety, FOMO, and you have just made a critical mistake because you have allowed everybody else's lives and interests enter your brain before you have thought about your own." She advises that you leave your phone charging in another room overnight. That way if you have the urge to check it in the morning, you will have to put in the effort to get out of bed and track it down first.

Sign up for group exercise classes

If you sign up for a group exercise like CrossFit or a spin class, you will be pushing yourself with a team to achieve a collective goal. Once you've done it a few times, this kind of momentum will get you motivated for your next class.

Of course, Robbins wants you to be realistic with yourself. "You're not ever going to feel like doing these things," she explains, "and that's normal. It's normal to feel doubt. It's normal to feel anxiety. It's normal to have an excuse. But letting those things stop you? That's a choice."

For more of Robbins' helpful tips, visit audible.com/Mel_Robbins.

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Kingery looking to regain form

The young infielder is currently battling through a slump.

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Scott Kingery had a solid start to his major league career with the Phillies. In his first 13 games, Kingery batted .280 with two home runs, seven doubles and 12 RBI.

But he's hit a major slump. In 23 games since, he's batting .159 with no home runs, one double and just one RBI. His batting average for the season has dipped all the way to .218. Kingery's struggles are real at the moment and the Phillies are hoping that the rookie can find a way to find his groove once again.

Scott Kingery has seen his batting average fall to .218. GETTY IMAGES

Many thought that Kingery's move into the starting lineup when shortstop J.P. Crawford hit the disabled list would help him improve at the plate, but the opposite seems to be true.

"I think as long as our walk rate continues to be high, I don't see the strikeout rate as a major hazard," Phillies manager Gabe Kapler said. "If we see the strikeout rate stay high and the walk rate drop dramatically, that's problematic and we would have to address that immediately."

The walk Kingery drew on Sunday against the Mets was the first walk he's has had in 20 games. He has 35 strikeouts in 119 at-bats. Kingery needs to find a way to gain more discipline in the batter's box, but he'll continue to start in Crawford's place due to his fielding ability.

"[He has] the ability to be a field general, no matter where he is," Kapler said. "Whether that's in center field, second base, third base or shortstop, I think he can command that part of the diamond. He's physically capable, we know he has the mental characteristics to handle one of the most important positions on the diamond."

Crawford was able to hit off a tee Wednesday and is by all accounts progressing well from his Grade 1 right forearm strain. Since the injury affects Crawford's throwing arm, the Phillies are in no rush to bring him back. He's been on the disabled list since April 29.

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Scott Kingery had 12 RBI through his first 13 games, but he has just one since then.

Many have compared Kingery to the likes of Chase Utley and Dustin Pedroia. The talent and potential is there and the team will continue to show full confidence in him despite his struggles. One bad month doesn't define a player and he'll end the slump eventually.

Utley batted just .239 in his first season with the Phillies. Pedroia batted just .191 in his first with the Red Sox. They both went on to have Hall of Fame careers. There's no reason to believe that Kingery won't do the same.

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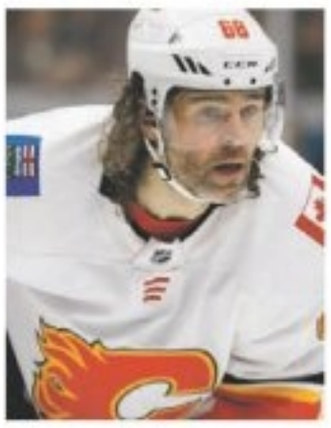

Jaromir Jagr is a national … well, worldly treasure. The man with the mullet is set to play pro hockey next season at the age of 46. It won't be in the NHL unfortunately, as Jagr is set to play for the Kladno Knights in the Czech Republic's WSM Liga. He also owns the team.

Jagr played 22 games in the NHL this past season for the Flames, and given Jagr's comeback history — there's a good chance he'll be back in North America at some point.

Cheers to Jagr, and all of sports' old dudes.

Of note, Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri is the oldest player in the NFL at the age of 45. In the NBA, the honor goes to Kings swingman Vince Carter – who is 41. Bartolo Colon is the oldest MLB player at 44 (he'll turn 45 later this month). And with Jagr momentarily out of the picture, Matt Cullen is the oldest NHL player at 41.

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COACHING MATTERS

The NBA has always had the reputation of being a player's league, and if you have the best player — you magically become a smart coach. Miami Heat coach Erik Spoelstra quickly went from "in over his head" to "one of the NBA's sharp young minds" by winning titles with LeBron.

Truth be told, however, the jury should still be out Spoelstra.

Much more impressive are the jobs Warriors coach Steve Kerr, Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni and Celtics coach Brad Stevens have done in recent years.

Mark Jackson's Warriors were bounced in the first round of the playoffs in 2014. The very next year with a very similar team, Kerr and the Dubs won the title. Since then, they've become the most impressive NBA dynasty since the Michael Jordan Bulls.

D'Antoni and Stevens have not yet won titles, but both have been shining this postseason. D'Antoni quickly made James Harden into an MVP candidate, and despite the Rockets' loss to the Warriors in Game 1 of the West Finals Monday — D'Antoni made his presence felt.

On the offensive end the Rockets attacked defensive liability Stephen Curry and it worked, very well. Harden finished with 41 points, most of which came at Curry's expense. Fellow guard Chris Paul had 23, and a third guard — Eric Gordon — had 15 off the bench.

And Stevens has been downright brilliant this postseason. He too has exploited defensive challenged players this postseason, as the Celtics ruthlessly went after J.J. Redick in Round 2. In Game 1 against Cleveland, the Celtics defense held LeBron to 15 points by switching screens and switching assignments when the ball got down low.

Yay, coaching.

As Patents on Sex Drugs Expire, a New $1 Pill Takes the Spotlight

A patented pill costing less than $1 a dose stands to help millions of men with failing sex lives; no prescription will be required

By Ray Wilson
Associated Health Press

AHP – A new sex pill is set to take the spotlight with the Cialis patent expiring next month. But unlike the former, it won't require a prescription and is priced just under a $1 a dose.

The new pill called *Vesele* is part of a new class of performance enhancers for men, which work instantaneously on the body and mind triggering arousal and firmer, harder erections.

Formulated with a special compound known as an "accelerator", *Vesele* can transport its active ingredients faster and more efficiently into the blood stream, where it begins to work its magic.

The patented ingredient blend initiates a process known as vasodilation, which causes arteries and vessels throughout the body to expand. This allows blood to flow directly to penis and genitals, resulting in harder erections which last longer. Cialis and Viagra are based around a simlilar concept.

But what makes *Vesele* so remarkable, and what these other sex pills can't do, is that also directs a small portion of this blood flow to the brain, which creates feelings of intense arousal. In laymen's terms, users become incredibly excited and turned on.

This is why the makers of *Vesele* say their pill has worked so effectively in clinical trials. It stimulates the two most important organs for great sex, the penis and the brain.

The Brain Erection Connection

Until now, medical researchers did not fully understand the brain-erection connection. It has now been made clear with *Vesele*. When both are supplied with a constant blood flow, men are harder and firmer for longer...and have unbelievable sex drives.

"Most of the research and treatment methods for men's sexual failures have focused on physiological factors and have neglected the emotional ones. For the leading sex drugs to work, like Cialis and Viagra, you need visual stimulation" explains Dr. Henry Esber, the creator of *Vesele*.

"And although they work for some men, the majority experience absolutely no fulfillment during sex.

According to research published by the National Institute of Health, 50% of men taking these drugs stop responding or can't tolerate their side effects...and on top of that they spend $50 per pill and it doesn't even work half the time.

This is what makes *Vesele* so different and effective. It floods the blood stream with key ingredients which cause arteries all over the body to expand. The patented accelerator speeds up this process even more.

The result is a rush of blood flow to the penis and brain, helping to create an impressive erection and a surging desire for sex. Often, this is all men need to get going. And when taken regularly, many men say they are energized and aroused all day."

Great Sex At Any Age

With the conclusion of their latest human clinical use survey trial, Dr. Esber and his team are now offering *Vesele* in the US. And regardless of the market, its sales are exploding.

Men across the country are eager to get their hands on the new pill and according to the research, they should be.

In the trial above, as compared to baseline, men taking *Vesele* saw a staggering 85% improvement in erection hardness over a four-month period. Their erections also lasted twice as long.

These same men also experienced an astounding 82% increase in the desire for sex (libido/sex drive) and an even greater improvement in overall satisfaction and ability to satisfy their partners.

Many men taking *Vesele* described feeling horny and aroused through the day. The anticipation before sex was amazing. They were also easily turned on. Their moods were more upbeat and positive, too.

Faster Absorption into the Blood Stream

Vesele is made up of three specialized ingredients: two clinical strength vasodilators and a patented absorption enhancer often called an accelerator. According to an enormous amount of clinical data, each is very safe.

Research shows that with age, many men lose their desire and interest in sex. They also struggle to produce an erection firm enough for penetration.

And although there are many theories as to why this happens (including a loss in testosterone) one thing is certain, inadequate blood flow is virtually always to blame. That's why sex drug manufacturers focus on blood flow, it makes your erection hard.

But what's more surprising, and what these manufacturers have failed to consider, is that lack of blood flow can also kill your sex drive. That's because blood supplies energy for the brain. This energy is required for creating brainwaves that cause excitability and arousal.

Studies show the *Vesele* stimulates the entire cardiovascular system, including the arteries that lead to both the brain and penis. The extreme concentration of the ingredients combined with the accelerator ensures that this process starts quickly.

The sexual benefits of *Vesele* are also multiplied as its ingredients build up in the system over time. This is why many men take it every single day.

Expiring Patent Opens the Door to a New Sex Pill: *Vesele* is a new pill that cost just $1 a dose does not require a prescription. It works on both body and mind to increase arousal and erection hardness.

Recent Studies Show Positive Effects on Women

In the same study referenced throughout, *Vesele* was also shown to have an amazing (and somewhat surprising) effect on women too. That's because the same arteries and vessels that carry blood and oxygen to the brain and genitals are the same in men and women.

"In our most recent study, women taking *Vesele* saw a stunning 52% improvement in arousal and sex drive. Perhaps more impressive, they also experienced a 57% improvement in lubrication.

You can imagine why some couples are taking *Vesele* together. Everything feels better. Everything works better. Everyone performs better. It's truly amazing."

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Taking stock of Flyers' goalie options

The Flyers continue to search for a franchise goaltender, which has been out of their reach for years.

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It's no secret that the Flyers need an elite goalie to compete for, and ultimately win, the Stanley Cup.

If there was any doubt whatsoever, just look at the goalies for the four remaining teams in the Stanley Cup playoffs. Two of them are finalists for the Vezina this season, one won the award two years ago and the other has three Stanley Cups on his resume.

To their credit, the Flyers are desperately trying to find one. Or, more precisely, develop one.

Since 2012, they have used seven draft picks, including three in 2015 alone, on a goalie, and signed another as an undrafted free agent.

Their philosophy appears to be to throw a whole bunch of them in the pot and hope one emerges with the goods. With some of the players already making their NHL debut or climbing the ladder up the minor leagues, the front office is starting to get a clearer picture of each one.

Here is our status report and the projections for 2018-19 of the current Flyers goalies and top prospects.

Brian Elliott (left) will likely be the Flyers No. 1 goalie next year. GETTY IMAGES

BRIAN ELLIOTT

The Flyers No. 1 goalie this year, Elliott finished 23-11-7 with a 2.66 goals against average and .909 save percentage. A core muscle injury, which required surgery, sidelined Elliott for the last two months of the season and lingered into the playoffs. Signed through next year, he provides a dependable veteran between the pipes until one of the kids is ready.

PROJECTION: Flyers No. 1 goalie.

MICHAL NEUVIRTH

As usual, Neuvirth showed flashes of brilliance. As usual, he showed he can't stay healthy. He played in only 22 regular season games and two playoff games.

PROJECTION: The Flyers will trade or buy him out.

PETER MRAZEK

Acquired from the Red Wings after injuries to Elliott and Neuvirth, the veteran was inconsistent and went 6-6-3 with a 3.22 GAA and .891 save percentage.

PROJECTION: The team has said it will not re-sign the unrestricted free agent.

ALEX LYON
(signed as minor-league free agent)

Due to injuries to Neuvirth and Elliott, Lyon saw his first NHL action and didn't disappoint. Dubbed the Lyon King by captain Claude Giroux, he went 4-2-1 with the Flyers and should be in their immediate future. To further help his cause, Lyon made an eye-popping 94 saves during the Lehigh Valley Phantoms 2-1 playoff victory last week that ended after five overtimes.

PROJECTION: The Flyers will re-sign the restricted free agent and he will back up Elliott.

CARTER HART
(third-round pick in 2016)

Often hailed and projected as the team's future No. 1, Hart was named the Western Hockey League's best goalie for a record third-straight season. He posted a miniscule 1.60 goals-against average and whopping .947 save percentage this year with the Everett Silvertips. The 19 year old will begin next season with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, and with another dominating season could find himself in a Flyers jersey before the end of the year.

PROJECTION: Phantoms No. 1 goalie

FELIX SANDSTROM
(third-round pick in 2015)

Injuries limited the 21 year old to just 22 starts last year in the Swedish Hockey League. He is ranked No. 2 on the rookie depth chart behind Hart.

PROJECTION: Another year in Sweden.

ANTHONY STOLARZ
(second-round pick in 2012)

After a strong NHL debut in the 2016-17 season, a string of knee injuries have kept him out of action the entire year this season.

PROJECTION: The Flyers will likely not re-sign the RFA.

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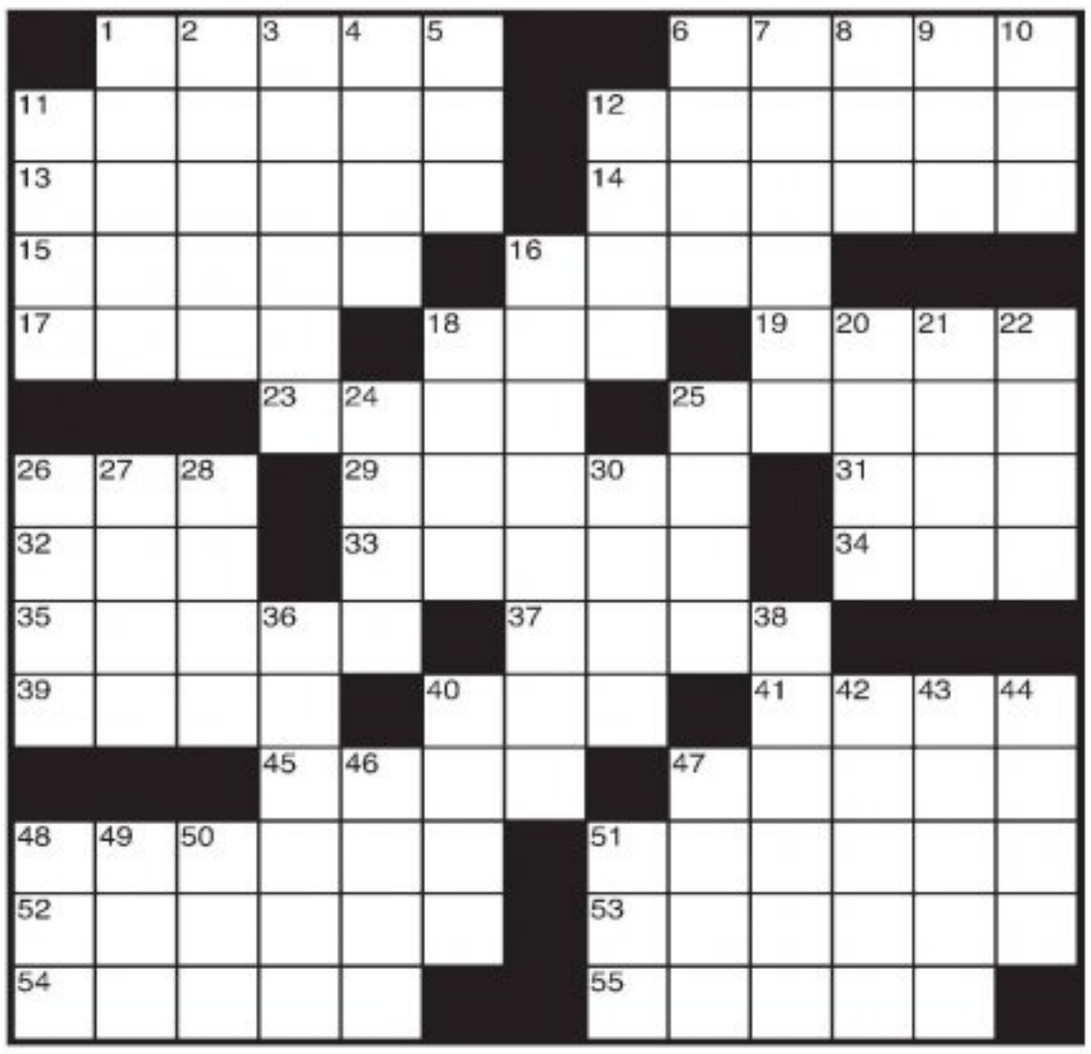

ACROSS

1 Bread ingredient
6 Gets going
11 Keaton or Crabbe
12 Indiana Jones' lid
13 Tentacle possessors
14 Elbowroom
15 Hound's trail
16 Soft drink
17 Safekeeping
18 Amigo of Fidel
19 Lofty
23 Bone-dry
25 Ghostly
26 Aunt or bro.
29 German sausage
31 Rope-a-dope boxer
32 Frost 33 Precise
34 Lose -- -- whisker
35 Jagged rocks
37 Warty critter
39 Black-and-white divers
40 In need of refilling
41 Start over
45 "Once -- a Time"
47 Kept
48 PC messages
51 Light, porous rock
52 Gambling games
53 Blockbuster sci-fi
54 Luau
55 Kind of congestion

DOWN

1 New Mexico's flower
2 Organic compound
3 Sets right
4 Fall mo.
5 Part of TNT
6 Bulrush
7 Think
8 Plant crops
9 Geologic division
10 Come out with
11 Pear variety
12 Arctic mass
16 Hotel chain
18 Heart of the matter
20 Fast horse
21 Type of pad
22 Spunky movie princess
24 Lambs' ma'ams
25 "Butch Cassidy" role
26 Costa --
27 Neutral color
28 Faucet problem
30 Barge
36 ISS gear (hyph.)
38 Some soaps
40 Bad bottom line
42 Title role for Madonna
43 Window sticker
44 Baltic tributary
46 Conspire
47 Fiji capital
48 Brownie
49 One of the Three Stooges
50 -- -- moment's notice
51 Poor review

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easy

1						9	6	
	2				6			3
		9		3	1		5	
	7						8	6
	1		3	5	8		2	
3	9						1	
	5		9	2		6		
2			6				9	
	6	4						7

hard

						4		
			6	8	2			7
	8	6	1			2		9
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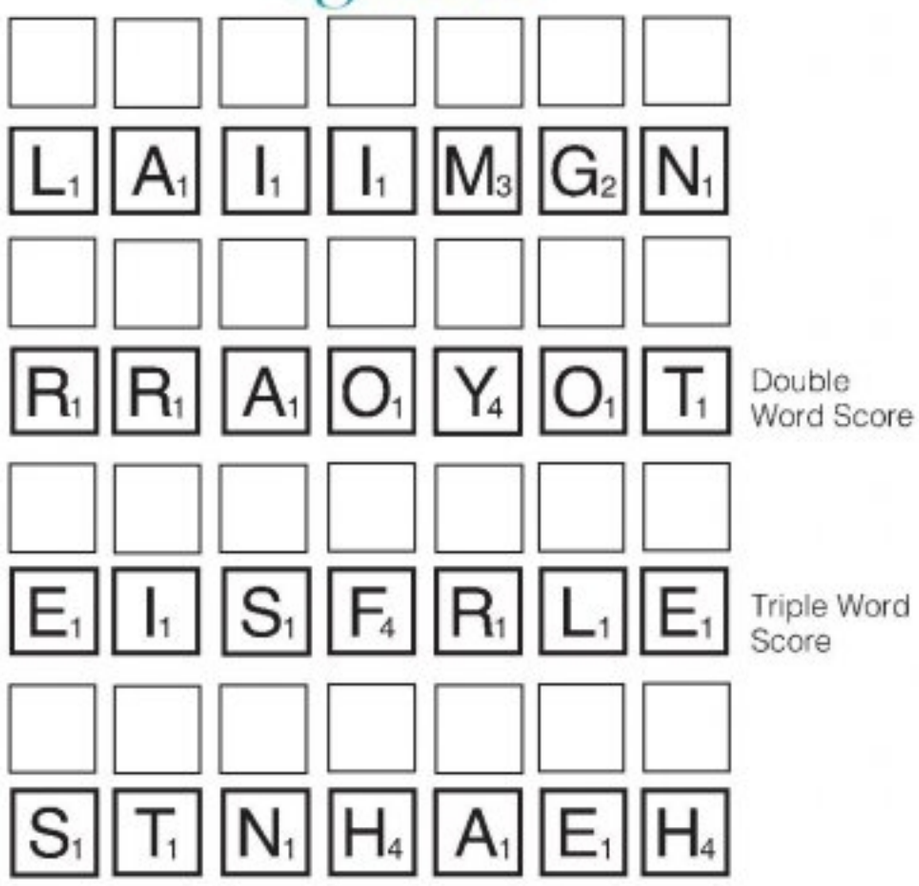

PAR SCORE 145-155

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

NEW
TURN BACK TO PAGE 14 FOR HOROSCOPES

Yesterday's Scrabble answers.

RACK 1 = 89
RACK 2 = 60
RACK 3 = 63
RACK 4 = 74
JUDD'S TOTAL 286

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